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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN CHARGES US RESUPPLYING ISRAELIS  
WITH PERSONNEL AND WAR MATERIAL FROM US STOCKS IN FRG

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1. WE RECEIVED CALL EARLY OCTOBER 15 FROM FONOFF  
NATO DESK ACTING CHIEF (HARTMANN) ASKING FOR URGENT  
ASSISTANCE IN RESPONDING TO CHARGES WHICH EGYPTIAN  
FONOFF MADE TO FRG EMBASSY IN CAIRO YESTERDAY TO EFFECT

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THAT THE US WAS RESUPPLYING ISRAELI FORCES WITH BOTH

MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL FROM US FORCES IN THE FRG.

2. HARTMANN SAID THE EGYPTIAN FONOFF MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE FRG CHARGE IN CAIRO. THE EGYPTIANS HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE US HAD DESPATCHED BOTH WAR MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL FROM ITS BASES IN FRG TO ISRAEL. THE EGYPTIAN FONOFF WAS AWARE THAT IN THE PAST SOME ISRAELI MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE FRG FROM US FORCES, BUT WOULD LOOK UPON THE DESPATCH OF MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL WITH THE UTMOST SERIOUSNESS. POINTING OUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CHARGES, THE EGYPTIANS ASKED FOR THE REACTION OF THE FRG TO ITS REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE EGYPTIANS ALSO CLAIMED THAT CERTAIN US TROOPS IN THE DARMSTADT AND HEIDELBERG AREAS HAD BEEN "PUT ON ALERT", ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE EGYPTIANS WERE IN FACT CLAIMING THE TROOPS WERE ACTUALLY PREPARING TO DEPLOY IN THE MIDEAST.

3. HARTMANN SAID THE FONOFF HOPED TO CALL IN THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HERE TODAY IN ORDER TO DENY THE CHARGES AND ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ASKING WASHINGTON'S ADVICE. AFTER CHECKING WITH HEADQUARTERS USAREUR, WE TOLD HIM ON INFORMAL BASIS THAT NO US TROOPS HAD BEEN PLACED ON ALERT, BUT THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE OTHER STATEMENTS AND THAT WE WOULD QUERY THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

4. HARTMANN POINTED OUT THAT ANY US RESUPPLY EFFORT FROM US WAR STOCKS IN GERMANY WOULD RAISE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOR THE FRG, EVEN THOUGH IT FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE US POSITION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT RESUPPLY FROM US RESERVES IN FRG WOULD PRESUMABLY REQUIRE NATO CONSULTATION. IN THE LIGHT OF ITS INTEREST IN RE-ESTABLISHING GOOD RELATIONS IN THE ARAB WORLD, THE FRG WISHED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE MIDEAST CONFLICT AND HOPED TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE EGYPTIANS THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THEIR ALLEGATIONS. HARTMANN ATTRIBUTED LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO THE CHARGE THAT ISRAELIS HAD BEEN TRAINED BY US FORCES IN THE FRG, AND IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION

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WAS UNABLE TO CLARIFY THE EGYPTIAN CHARGE THAT "PERSONNEL", AS DISTINCT FROM MATERIAL, WERE BEING SENT FROM THE FRG. WE POINTED OUT THAT THERE CAN BE NO BASIS FOR ANY CLAIM THAT US PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT.

5. AS NOTED ABOVE, WE STATED WE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE MATTER AND WE DID NOT RPT NOT DRAW ON INFO CONVEYED IN REFTTEL, RE OUR DECISION TO MOUNT RESUPPLY OPERATION

TO ISRAEL. REQUEST ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH  
TO MAKE IN ORDER TO ANSWER FRG QUESTIONS IN PARAS 2 AND  
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